



2026-2027 First Steps 4K Student Application Process

Parent contacts First Steps 4K Provider.
Provider directs parent to fill out the
First Steps 4K Student Application at
www.Free4KSC.org.

The First Steps 4K+ Child Care Scholarship Application
is the last section of the 4K Student Application.

OR

Parent completes the First Steps 4K
Student Application at

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The First Steps 4K office reviews the application and determines eligibility.

After eligibility is determined, First Steps 4K will then email and text the Parent and the Provider
(*one email to both parties*) with the student's application status.

If the student is deemed **not eligible** for First Steps 4K, the office will email the Parent and the
Provider. Please reach out to the family if other funding or resources are available.

When you receive the First Steps 4K approval email, you will see the 4K+ section if completed.

If you **do have an open seat** for this
student to attend your
First Steps 4K class:

Email and call the family **within two
business days upon approval** to thank
them for choosing your site and
welcome the student to your First Steps
4K Program.

*Do not lose a student by not contacting
them!*

OR

If you **do not have an open seat** for
this student to attend your
First Steps 4K class:

**Reply to the status email and
let us know immediately.**

The First Steps 4K office will
contact the family to help them find
another First Steps 4K Provider in
the area.